

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

The specification as amended below with replacement paragraphs shows added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~.

The specification in Tables 1 and 2 on page 9 are amended herein to replace the “°C” with “°”. Please REPLACE the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 1, with the following paragraph:

Table 1 shows experimental results explaining how the angle of the inclined surface at the terminal face of the lead was changed when the "pushing distance" H of the tape-like fiber cable 10 was changed. In this experiment, a diamond-grinding sheet was used as a grinding sheet and the grinding time was 2 minutes.

TABLE 1

Pushing distance ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	20	30	40	50	70	100
Grinding angle ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ )	6.2	6.4	6.7	7.1	8.0	9.5

Please REPLACE the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 25, with the following paragraph:

Table 2 shows experimental results explaining how the angle of the inclined terminal face of the lead 12 was changed when the number of channels (number of optical fibers) of the tape-like fiber cable was changed from 1 to 4, under conditions that the "pushing distance" H of the optical fibers was 50  $\mu\text{m}$ , a diamond-grinding sheet was used as a grinding sheet and the grinding time was 2 minutes, in the same manner as the above experiments shown in Table 1.

TABLE 2

ch	1 ch	2 ch	3 ch	4 ch
Angle ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ )	6.834	7.038	7.097	6.861